

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Various amendments are being made as shown above. No new matter is introduced by these various amendments.

The abstract is being corrected as indicated above. Applicants respectfully submit that the corrected abstract overcomes the objection in the previous Final Office Action and respectfully requests that the objection to the abstract be withdrawn.

Various claims are being amended as shown above.

Boukobza discloses an autonomous agent (SAA) in node N1 and a separate management node, where the autonomous agent sends "useful information" to the separate management node. (see Figure 1 and column 2, lines 39-46). Boukobza does not disclose nor suggest the various features recited in claim 1.

Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over Boukobza.

Similarly, independent claims 6, 11, 16, and 29 have been amended to recite similar limitations. Accordingly, for at least the reasons discussed above, claims 6, 11, 16, and 29 are each patentable over Boukobza.

Jarriel discloses a runtime environment (Figure 5) installed at a managed computer 16 (Figure 1), where an event routing module 52b (Figure 5) in a distributed monitor (in managed computer 16) sends an event to convey status change of a monitored object. Jarriel only discloses the routing of events to locations that are internal or external to a distributed monitor within the

runtime environment. Jarriel does not disclose nor suggest the various features recited in claim 1.

Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over Jarriel.

Similarly, independent claims 6, 11, 16, and 29 have been amended to recite similar limitations. Accordingly, for at least the reasons discussed above, claims 6, 11, 16, and 29 are each patentable over Jarriel.

Claims 40 and 41 are being added and recite various features that are not disclosed nor suggested by the cited references, whether the references are considered singly or in combination.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

If the undersigned attorney has overlooked a teaching in any of the cited references that is relevant to the allowability of the claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to specifically point out where such teachings may be found.

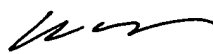
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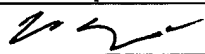
If the Examiner has any questions or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (805) 681-5078.

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